



## REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 29, 2023

Peace Lutheran Church  
Hutchinson, MN

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

6:30pm, 8:30am Hymn 656 (Maroon): A Mighty Fortress Is Our God  
10:30am A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (arranged)

### INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 46)*

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.**

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
He utters His voice, the earth melts.

**The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.  
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!**

### CONFESSION *(From Martin Luther, Small Catechism, Confession)*

“Confession has two parts.

**First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.”**

The book of Romans tell us, “For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” *(Romans 3:22b–24)*

Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

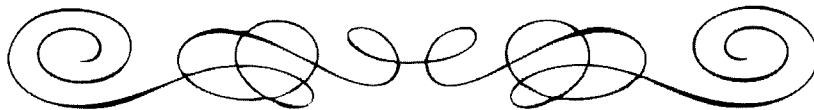
**O Lord, our God, we confess that during times in our lives when it feels as though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the sea, we have not looked to You as our fortress and strength. Too often we look to ourselves, not fearing, loving, and trusting in You above all things. We humbly ask that for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**HYMN: Look, the Table's Spread Before Us** (*Tune: Hymn to Joy*)

**Look, the table's spread before us, foretaste of the feast to come.  
Christ, the Lamb of God victorious has for us salvation won.  
Join the hymn of all creation, by His blood we are set free.  
Saints of ev'ry tribe and nation celebrate the jubilee.**

**Power, riches, honor, glory, be to God and to the Lamb.  
His the vict'ry, His the story, praise and thank the Great, "I AM."  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Bless the Lord of earth and heav'n.  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Life restored and sins forgiven.**



*Readers: 6:30pm John Mons; 8:30am Gwen Wichman; 10:30am Sara Peterson*

**FIRST LESSON: Revelation 14:6-7**

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. <sup>7</sup>He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water." (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his

divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**▲ 6:30pm & 8:30am Hymn 582 (Maroon): God's Word is Our Great Heritage**

God's Word is our great heritage, And shall be ours forever  
To spread its light from age to age, Shall be our chief endeavor  
Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay  
Lord, grant while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations

**10:30am GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia**

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord  
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to His name.  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord  
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to His name.

**GOSPEL READING: John 8:31-36**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup> They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (ESV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON      Reformation Day: What is it all about?**

**HYMN G629 (Green): In Christ Alone**

## SERMON

**“Free in Jesus” (John 8:31-36)**

**Pastor Meyer**

**1. ...To no longer be slave to sin; 2. Salvation; 3. The Privilege of Service**

## PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

*Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it along to others. As it is passed back to the center aisle, please take the opportunity to note the names of others seated in your pew.*

## PRAYERS & THE LORD’S PRAYER

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**6:30pm & 8:30am**

**Page 163, AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)**

**HYMN 618 (Maroon): I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table**

**HYMN 702 (Maroon): My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

**10:30am**

**SONG: Lamb of God**

**SONG: Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone**

## BENEDICTION

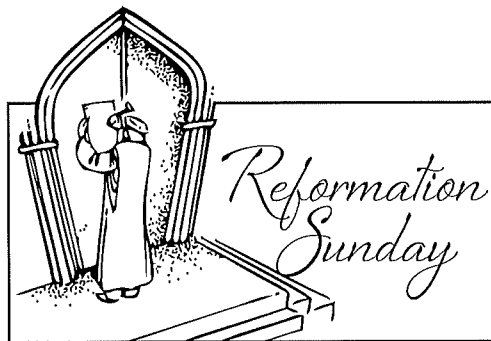
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

## ▲ HYMN 805: Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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## UPCOMING DATES

October 28-29 – First Communion for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students

October 29 – 11:30am Pre-call Congregational Meeting

November 4-5 All Saint's Day Celebration (all services)

November 4 – Assemble Operation Christmas Child boxes at 9am

November 5 – PRAYZ team sings at 10:30am

**Daylight Savings Time Ends**

November 12 – Sunday School sings at 8:30am

November 18, Saturday – Turkey Dinner, 11am-3pm

Children/Youth- Thankful Painting, 10am-12pm

Nov. 22 at 6:30pm, Nov. 23 at 9:00am – Thanksgiving Worship services

Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> – Carols and Bells

5:30pm Baked Ham dinner & 6:30pm Handbell program

December 3 – PRAYZ team sings at 10:30am

December 6, 13 and 20 – Wednesday Advent Services.

11:30am, 4:30pm (Peace Center), 6:30pm

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – Cookie Sale

December 16<sup>th</sup> – Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal, 10am-12 (noon), plus pizza party

December 17<sup>th</sup> – 10:30am Children's Christmas program

Saturday, December 23: No Worship.

\*Sunday, Dec. 24 services: 9:00am worship, Fourth Sunday of Advent

No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study

\*Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Candlelight Services at 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm.

\*Christmas Day, Dec. 25: 9:00am

\*Communion at all Christmas Eve and Day services

December 30-31 Normal worship times

No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study

September 22, 2023

To Peace Lutheran Church Congregation,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that a Nominating Committee has been seated and we are beginning the work of establishing the slate of candidates who will run for open seats on the Church Council and the Board of Elders. All elected positions serve two-year terms. The election will be held at the annual Voter's/Congregational Meeting on/about January 2024. The actual date for the meeting will be posted once it has been set.

The Church Council consists of a total of nine members; four officers, and five at large council members. The church council is the governing body of the Peace Lutheran Church congregation. The Church Council has the authority to enforce the Constitution and Bylaws, and develops policies as required to execute the goals approved by the Congregation.

There are five Church Council seats up for election this year. They are as follows: President, Vice President, and three At-Large seats.

The Board of Elders consists of ten male members of the Congregation who serve staggered two-year terms. The Board of Elders elects their own Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary. The Board of Elders nurtures and encourages the spiritual growth of the Congregation and supervises, advises and assists the pastors in worship, preaching, congregational care, administration of the sacraments, and church discipline.

There are five Board of Elders seats up for election this year. Given that the Board of Elders elects its own officers, all seats up for election are At-Large seats.

The Nominating Committee asks you to prayerfully consider serving PLC in an elected capacity. If you are interested in doing so, please contact a member of the committee to express your interest.

Thank you and God bless you!

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